

Draft Notes of the
Bathavon Forum
 Wednesday 22nd June 2016
 The Library, St Gregory's School Sixth Forum Centre, Bath

Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Cllr Hugh Baker	Acting Chair of Bathavon Forum
Cllr John Adler	Freshford Parish Council
Cllr Lyn Alvis	Monkton Combe Parish Council
Cllr Neil Butters	B&NES Ward Councillor for Bathavon South
Louise Callan	Clerk – Priston Parish Council
Cllr Robert Davies	Priston Parish Council
Dave Dixon	Stronger Communities Manager, B&NES
Corinne Edwards (part)	Head of Commissioning Development, B&NES CCG
Jean Fossaceco	Clerk to Shoscombe Parish Council
Barry Grimes (part)	Communications Manager, B&NES CCG
PC Mark Hodder (part)	Avon and Somerset Police
Tracy Long	Group Manager - Strategy & Change, Customer Service, Libraries and Information
Kathryn Manchee	Clerk to Camerton, Dunkerton & Tunley and Englishcombe Parish Councils
Cllr Paul Myers (part)	Cabinet Member for Policy, Localism & Partnerships
Cllr Martin Robinson (part)	Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council
Ian Savigar	Divisional Director – Customer Services, Revenues & Benefits
David Trethewey	Divisional Director (Strategy & Performance) B&NES and Director Sponsor for the Bathavon Forum
Cllr Mary Upton	Shoscombe Parish Council
Alison Wells	Community Projects Officer, B&NES
Cllr Des Wighton	Chair, Monkton Combe Parish Council
Cllr Brenda Whitchurch	Shoscombe Parish Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation Represented
	Charlcombe Parish Council
	St Catherine Parish Meeting
Cllr Martin Veal	Cabinet Member for Communities and Ward Councillor for Bathavon North

Informal Open Public Session

		Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	HB welcomed those present and all introduced themselves. Apologies as above.	
2.	Update including Q&As	
	<u>Local Police Matters</u>	
2.1	The Police were not present but DD said this may be due to Glastonbury	

	<p>Festival traffic issues. They had called at the school earlier to leave signs advising dog owners of their responsibilities to livestock. These were well received and if more are required, let DD or AW know. <i>(PC Mark Hodder attended later in the meeting – reported under Any Other Business)</i></p>	ALL
2.2	<p>RD reported a road traffic accident which may have been related to drug use. DD suggested he speak with him after the meeting. MR said the area in question is regularly patrolled by Police and to report it to Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Mike Bolwell.</p> <p><u>Briefing on the West of England Devolution proposals</u></p>	
2.3	<p>DT said that at the last Parish Liaison meeting, there had been a presentation from the Leader of the Council on Devolution. The Council will be meeting on 29th June to decide whether to proceed with the deal. If so, there will be a 6 week consultation period. The results of this consultation will be sent to the Secretary of State. HB asked when the consultation would start. DT said 4th July.</p>	
2.4	<p>DW asked what would happen if the response to this is largely negative. DT said the Secretary of State will have regard to the responses received. The Council will then decide whether it goes ahead.</p>	
2.5	<p>LA asked why North Somerset had withdrawn from the process. DT said the initial scheme had involved four Councils. When B&NES met in May, they asked the Leader to go back to Government re the elected Mayor element of the deal. North Somerset met on 7th June and considered a range of options but decided not to go ahead. The other three Councils now need to decide whether they agree to accept the Government's offer. If B&NES decides not to go ahead, the money offered will also go. A statement from North Somerset is on their website: https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/news/north-somerset-council-rejects-west-of-england-devolution-deal/</p>	
2.6	<p>HB said the timescale for consultation is short. JA said to provide a collective response from Freshford Parish Council, would require a meeting. DT said there will be opportunities to comment both individually or collectively, he appreciates the short timescale, which was set by the Government.</p>	
2.7	<p>PM said many Parish Councils do not meet in August so the process needs to begin soon. It was suggested that a number of events are likely to be organised across the district from mid-July, with Forum members welcome to attend the most convenient.</p>	

Ordinary Meeting

3.	Notes of the previous meeting (25th April 2016)	
3.1	These were agreed as a true record with no alterations noted.	
4.	Matters Arising	
4.1	<p>HB gave an overview of outstanding actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheep worrying was raised. The Police have noted it and provided 	

	<p>notices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No-one has come forward to act as Vice Chair - A representative of the Bathavon Forum to attend the CCG's 'Your Health, Your Voice' meetings is still required. - Contacts for Highways personnel have been passed to the relevant Parish Councils - AW to chase Highways again for further maintenance programme information. KT said it is in the budget papers. DT offered to assist if information from Highways is not forthcoming. - The presentations from the previous meeting were sent out. 	
4.2	<p>HB said he would like to propose that the Bathavon Forum, rather than meeting three or four times a year, splits into North and South for two meetings and then comes together for the AGM and Budget meeting. If all twenty-one Parishes were represented at one meeting, it would be too big. He intends to work up a proper proposal for this and come back to the Forum but asked for comments.</p>	
4.3	<p>DW said the proposal sounds good but wondered how the area would be divided. HB said North and East/South and West might be a plan but members would be able to attend any meetings.</p>	
4.4	<p>JF said Shoscombe is in Bathavon but has attended Somer Valley meetings. HB said all Forums are open for anyone to attend, so you can attend whichever is of most interest and most convenient. To some extent the interests of those in the South of the Bathavon area are different to those in the North.</p>	
5.	<p>B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - "Our vision for general practice: How can GP surgeries work in partnership to transform health care in your community?"</p>	
5.1	<p>HB introduced Corinne Edwards Head of Commissioning Development and Barry Grimes Communications Manager from the CCG. CE began the presentation with a map of GPs surgeries highlighting Batheaston as a key practice for Bathavon. On the map, circles represent practices and triangles branch surgeries. There is dense coverage in Bath but fewer in rural areas.</p>	
5.2	<p>JA noted that Freshford surgery does not appear on the map. CE explained that although the surgery is in B&NES, it is linked to Beckington's Practice, which is Somerset CCG. NB said some courses of treatment available in B&NES are not available in Somerset, so this is a concern. CE said there are Somerset residents registered with B&NES practices. Some people do choose where they live based on the services they need. NB asked whether Freshford residents could also register with a B&NES practice. CE said no.</p>	
5.3	<p>CE continued the presentation with an overview of the CCG which works closely with the Council. A statement of intent was circulated with the meeting papers, this sets a clear vision and ambition for the future delivery of health care. CE explained that primary medical services refers to GPs.</p>	
5.4	<p>CE said it is not the final strategy but based on feedback received from primary care team; 'Your Health, Your Voice' and the public. National Policy has also been taken into account.</p>	

5.5	CE said we know that the B&NES area is relatively healthy and wealthy compared with the national average. However, there are challenges including a growing population with housing development taking place and more planned. Also, an ageing population – a 33% increase in those over ninety in future years. More people are also living with long term conditions but want to receive care in their local community. The GPs themselves are an ageing group and it is difficult to recruit new ones, particularly outside Bath.	
5.6	CE said that through its consultations, the CCG has learned there are variations in how easily and quickly people can access appointments with their GPs and also about how hard it can sometimes be to navigate the system – in a digital age it should be possible to share more information.	
5.7	CE said there has been a lot of media coverage about seven day services but in terms of actual appointments with GPs, feedback has been that while longer opening hours and Saturday appointments are appreciated there is limited desire to see Sunday appointments offered while emergency care is available.	
5.8	Slide 6 of the presentation, shows a visual representation of the CCG's vision. CE explained that 'Practice Level' relates to individual GP practices, some of which have nurse specialists, psychologists etc. Longer consultations relates to appointments with GPs which are ten minutes at present. Inter-practice relates to specialist skills in a particular surgery that could potentially be shared with others.	
5.9	CE said Multispeciality Community Provider is an NHS England term and relates to health care services traditionally provided by hospitals that could potentially be delivered in local communities. By 2020, it is hoped to provide more services out of hospital and in more convenient locations. Also, to join up IT systems more effectively.	
5.10	DW asked for an example of an out of hospital service. CE said deep vein thrombosis services are example of a condition that can be delivered safely out of hospital. St Martin's and Paulton Hospitals already deliver a number of services locally which reduces visits to the RUH.	
5.12	LC said the on-line booking system some GPs use can be frustrating, with a requirement to bring ID to the appointment if you use it. CE said the use of on-line services can be helpful but accepted that the health service has some way to go to improve and develop these. NHS England has some control but joint commissioning will assist in having more input.	
5.13	Slide 10 - CE said the Estates and Transformation Fund require CCGs to bid before the end of June for funds to invest in technology and buildings.	
5.14	NB asked what the demand is for weekend GP appointments. CE said there is a degree of demand for booked Saturday appointments. It is a nationally commissioned service with a cost associated.	
5.15	CE handed over to Barry Grimes to talk about 'Your Care, Your Way'. This is a joint review of Community Health Services and relates to any service delivered at home or in a local care setting (eg outside GP practices and hospitals). Over two hundred services are provided, mainly by Sirona but there are other organisations involved including charities.	

	<p>The aim is to improve integration so that all work more effectively together.</p>	
5.16	<p>BG said the CCG has been consulting with all the Connecting Communities Forums and other community groups. They used this to shape some options and consulted again. This is an update as the third, procurement, phase is reached. The chosen provider will then be responsible for the integration of the services.</p>	
5.17	<p>BG said between August and November, the provider will be chosen and their new contract will begin in April 2017.</p>	
5.18	<p>BG explained that slide 13 of the presentation shows the nine themes identified during the first consultation. Slide 14 shows a word cloud generated during the second consultation (the bigger the word, the more times it was chosen). Diabetic care is a good example of prevention as its complications can lead to amputation and loss of eyesight.</p>	
5.19	<p>BG said that four potential delivery models were presented during the consultations. The graph on slide 15 shows the feedback. The key is green – really like; yellow – not sure; orange – didn't like and red – no. The first option related to basing services around specific conditions; the second life circumstances (eg new borns, teenagers, out of hospital and end of life); the third related to services clustered in communities and attached to GP surgeries. There could be links with library services and One Stop Shops with access to a greater range of services. This model is being looked at for Radstock. The fourth model is similar but would be community driven utilising community groups and volunteers.</p>	
5.20	<p>BG said that slide 16 shows fourteen priorities in order of popularity. It demonstrates that people do not want to be pigeon holed by their condition but considered as a whole person with a life.</p>	
5.21	<p>BG said the procurement process is now progressing with two bidders left – Virgin is one and Sirona in partnership with the RUH; AWP (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership); BEMS (Bath Enhanced Medical Services) and Dorothy House the other. Detailed scoring and assessment of the bids is taking place and the local feedback provided through consultation has directly influenced the questions being asked. Community champions have also been identified to assist with the scoring.</p>	
5.22	<p>BG said the CCG will be announcing their preferred bidder on 18th August but this will be followed by due diligence practices before the contract is awarded in November. The CCG intends to return to all the Forums in February 2017, with representatives of the preferred bidder so that their future plans can be further influenced by the local community.</p>	
5.23	<p>NB asked whether St Martin's and Paulton hospitals would be involved, perhaps to relieve pressure on the RUH. CE said yes and could be hubs to offer wider services to the local population.</p>	
5.24	<p>LC asked whether Sirona and Virgin are both commercial organisations. BG said Sirona is a CIC (Community Interest Company) set up when services from the Council and NHS were merged. However, Government Policy has changed and this is the first time there has been an opportunity to do a full procurement exercise to test the market.</p>	

5.25	LC asked whether it makes a difference to the CCG to have an operator like Virgin which presumably is profit driven – does this sway the decision? BG said there are a lot of legal procedures around procurement so it is not possible to discriminate. It is also not about the cheapest option but the one that provides the best quality of care, with the budget available, around the nine themes that the community has identified.	
5.26	DW asked what will happen to the existing workforce. BG said TUPE will apply and most staff will be transferred. They are also talking to Wiltshire regarding a more joined up strategy re the workforce.	
5.27	LA asked whether there would be pressure on St Martin's given the developments at Foxhill and Odd Down. CE said there are four practices serving this area and regard needs to be given to how they accommodate growth. Half the growth is in Bath City so the bid to improve facilities and technology is key. Radstock's surgery is running out space so work is being undertaken on how to accommodate the population growth here.	
5.28	NB asked what is happening with GP recruitment. CE said there is a national campaign. The Government states that 5,000 GPs need to be trained. They are being trained but many are then seeking work abroad. There has been negative press around long hours for GPs so a need to promote the benefits.	
5.29	IS asked, in respect of Radstock, how long the Estates and Transformation Funding is available for and how it can be accessed. CE said the funding is available over three years and there are clear national criteria. Stage 1 begins next week and there are three further stages. The scheme will probably be over-subscribed but B&NES is starting from a good position.	
5.30	Those present undertook a brief workshop around what health care services should look like in ten years' time. HB then thanked the CCG for their presentation and time.	
6.	Any Other Business	
6.1	PC Mark Hodder attended the meeting from 7.30pm. He said there had been issues relating to Glastonbury and in the City Centre which had delayed him.	
6.2	In terms of crime trends, there is still an issue with car crime (breaking into cars), particularly over weekends. However, three people have recently been arrested. HB said there were three incidents in Bathford but the cars had been left unlocked. MH said leaving valuables on view in the car is usually the cause.	
6.3	MH said there have been some overnight burglaries as well but this is less of a weekend trend. One main offender from the South Gloucestershire/Bristol area admitted to four burglaries in Weston. There have also been burglaries in Larkhall; Bathford and Batheaston. Car keys have been stolen as part of these so it's important not to leave keys by the door – higher value cars have been targeted.	
6.4	MH said that in Snow Hill, five people were arrested in an early morning operation for drug possession and supply. Further intelligence is coming	

	in and more is being sought from the local community. Three of those arrested were not from the local area but London and Birmingham. Curo has evicted a tenant as part of this.	
6.5	RD repeated his concerns regarding the RTA and suspected drug use. MH said this is being investigated and would follow up with Mike Bolwell.	
6.6	There was no further business.	
7.	Dates of Next Meeting	
7.1	The next Forum meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 th October Monday 28 th November (Special meeting - Budget Update)	

Actions (including outstanding brought forward in italics)

	Responsible
If further notices regarding sheep worrying are required, let AW and DD know	ALL
<i>Any Forum members interested in being Interim Vice Chair until the AGM in the Autumn to let the Interim Chair or Strategy & Performance staff know.</i>	ALL
<i>Any Forum members interested in being the Bathavon representative for 'Your Health, Your Voice' to let the Interim Chair or Strategy & Performance staff know.</i>	ALL
<i>AW to chase Highways for further information about the Capital and Structural Works Programme.</i>	AW